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SUBJECT: EC NEGOTIATIONS WITH ASSOCIATED AND COMMONWEALTH

STATES

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1. JANSSEN, FONMIN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE ECATHIRD COUNTRY RELATIONS, HAS GIVEN US HIS VIEW THAT NOTHING HAPPENED AT OCT. 15 EC COUNCIL MEETING WHERE SUBJECT NEGOTIATIONS DISCUSSED EXCEPT TO REFER PROBLEMS TO PERMREPS. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO MAJOR ISSUES ON WHICH DEEP DISAGREEMENT EXISTS AND ON WHICH NO PROGRESS WAS MADE:

A. REVERSE PREFERENCES. FRENCH SPOKE STRONGLY OF NEED FOR RECIPROCAL ADVANTAGE IN ORDER TO MAKE ASSOCIATIONS GATTABLE
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AND TO PREPARE FOR EVENTUAL "FREE TRADE AREA". BRITISH

WERE COMPLETELY OPPOSED, POINTING AT GATT ACCEPTANCE OF UNRECIPROCATED CONCESSIONS AND STATING THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO REQUEST REVERSE PREFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH PARTNERS. BELGIAN POSITION IS TO NOT REQUEST REVERSE PREFERENCES, ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME SYMPATHY WITH FRENCH VIEW; I.E., BELGIUM COULD ACCEPT EITHER POSITION.

B. EXPORT STABILIZATION. WHILE ALL EC COUNTRIES AGREE ON PRINCIPLE OF GUARANTEEING REASONABLE RETURN ON SEVEN SPECIFIED EXPORT PRODUCTS OF ASSOCIATES, THEY HOLD STRONGLY DIFFERING VIEWS ON MECHANISM TO BE PUT IN PLACE. DUTCH ESPECIALLY EXPRESSED NEED TO OBLVIAZE POSSIBILITY OF ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES' MANIPULATING STABILIZATION PROGRAM TO THEIR ADVANTAGE BY HOLDING BACK EXPORTS, THUS RAISING PRICES, COLLECTING STABILIZATION PAYMENTS AND CREATING SHORTAGES IN EUROPE.

2. JANSSEN DESCRIBED EC STATEMENT AT OCT. 17-18 MEETING WITH ASSOCIATED AND ASSOCIALE STATES AS CAMOUFLAGE TO DISGUISE INTRA-EC DIFFERENCES, AND FORESAW LONG AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE THEM.

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